



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of:

Sunpei YAMAZAKI et al.

Application No.: 09/285,899

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For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE
HAVING LEVELING FILM

Art Unit: 2871

Examiner: J. Dudek

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action mailed December 13, 2000, please consider the following remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application.

The Examiner's non-final Office Action dated December 13, 2000 has been received and its contents reviewed. Claims 9-16, 21-24, 33-40, 45-48, 50-52, and 54-56 are currently pending in the present application, of which claims 9, 13, 21, 33, 37, and 45 are independent.

Claims 9-16, 21-24, 33-40, 45-48, 50-52, and 54-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Inaba et al. (5,227,900) in view of Takeshita et al. (61-141174).